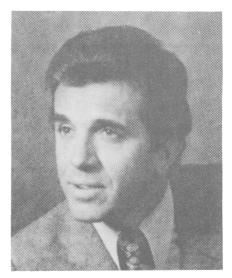
More Physicians in the News



Thomas Foerster, MD.

Orthopedist Awarded Medal

Orthopedic surgeon Thomas Foerster, M.D., chairman of the Arizona Medical Association's Sports Medicine Symposium subcommittee, was recently awarded the Clarence Salsbury Medal by the Maricopa County Medical Society.

The medal is awarded annually to a physician who displays self-less, dedicated service to his or her fellow man. According to the Medical Society Journal, Foerster was chosen "for his dedicated pursuit of the advancement of medical science through the design of the basic athletic sports injury care program, which is designed to recognize and prevent acute injury to athletes in this country and throughout the world."

Foerster has an extensive history in general orthopedics and sports medicine. He is the Arizona consultant for the Milwaukee Brewer's minor league teams during spring training and is cofounder of BASIC, the first-aid course designed for the sport field, for which he won the medal.

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Ophthalmologist Wins Research Film Award

A highly specialized movie, shot from the inside of the eye looking out, reversed ophthalmological theory about the quality of the zonular basket and won the equivalent of an eye surgeon's "Oscar" for ophthalmologist Samuel L. Pallin, M.D., F.A.C.S.

The 10-minute videotape, titled "The Amazing Zonular Basket," demonstrated that the zonule of the lens of the eye, previously thought to be very fragile, is in fact extremely tough and resilient as related to cataract surgery.

The film was produced in March in cooperation with IOLAB Corporation in California during cataract surgery by Dr. Pallin, assisted by charge nurse Deb Smaltz, R.N., B.S. The movie production used the Miyake technique of photography which actually films from the inside of the eye outward. The process provided the surgeons with a new understanding of ocular anatomy.

Shown at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery in Orlando, Florida, in early April, the videotape won first place in the category Cataract Surgeryl Anatomical Research.



Samuel L. Pallin, M.D.

During the meeting, Dr. Pallin presented a free paper titled "The Endophthalmitis Detective" about post-operative infection and presided over a two-hour course on the same subject for surgeons and nurses.

Dr. Pallin, medical director of the Lear Eye Clinics in Sun City and Scottsdale, is a 1968 graduate of the College of Medicine of the State University of New York in Brooklyn, New York. He has practiced in Arizona since January, 1975, and is Board Certified in ophthalmology.

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